

" that it may be placed on the Marquis de Montcalm's
" tomb.

" Should such leave be granted, may I presume,
" sir, that you will be so good as to inform me of it,
" and, at the same time, to send me a passport ; that
" the marble, with the epitaph engraved on it, may
" be received into an English ship ; and that Mr.
" Murray, Governor of Quebec, may allow it to be
" placed in the Ursuline church.

" You will be pleased, sir, to pardon me for this
" intrusion on your important occupations ; but
" endeavouring to immortalize illustrious men and
" eminent patriots is doing honour to yourself.

" I am, with respect, &c.,

" DE BOUGAINVILLE.

" Paris, 24th March, 1761."

" Sir,

" It is a real satisfaction to me to send you the
" King's consent on a subject so affecting as the
" epitaph, composed by the Academy of Inscriptions
" at Paris, for the Marquis de Montcalm ; and which
" it is desired may be sent to Quebec, engraved on
" marble, to be placed on the tomb of that illustrious
" Soldier. It is perfectly beautiful ; and the desire
" of the French troops which served in Canada to
" pay such a tribute to the memory of their General,
" they saw expire at their head in a manner worthy
" of himself and of them, is truly noble and praise-
" worthy.

" I shall take a pleasure, sir, in facilitating, in every
" way, such amiable intentions : and on receiving
" notice of the measures taken for shipping this
" marble, will not fail to transmit to you immediately
" the passport you desire, and to send directions to
" the governor of Quebec for its reception.